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## Chamber of Commerce Conference: Aruba Without the Refinery

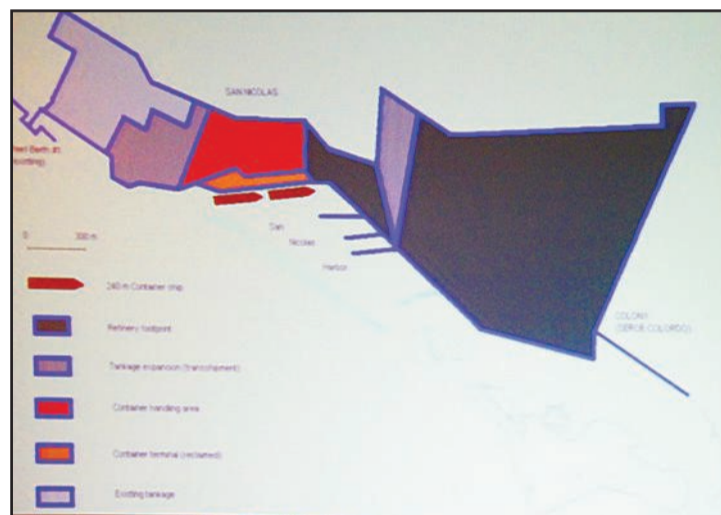
**Jamal Mahawat Khan: "Our Destiny is in OUR Hands"**

On Tuesday morning, March 26, the conference sponsored by Aruba's Chamber of Commerce, (KvK) dedicated to confronting the issue of what to do about the now abandoned refinery, presented five speakers with viable, innovative ideas.

First to the podium was the President of the Board of the KvK, Mr. Jamal Mahawat Khan, who urged the audience, and those listening at home via live broadcast, to consider and face the realities of the refinery and the future of San Nicolas.

Mr. Khan's presentation was titled "Our Destiny is in our Hands." The essential message: rather than waiting for the government to solve the situation, islanders, both individuals and business entities, can take the steps, with the co-operation of legislators, to turn around this facility and revitalize the eastern end of Aruba. Following his presentation was a suggestion of a practical application almost immediately available, researched by Danny Brete, who worked in the San Nicolas port for years as a port pilot, and captain of the tug that moved the giant tankers to their berths.

Mr. Khan holds a degree as an Engineer of Business Science from the University of Twente, in the Netherlands, and has been a prominent figure on the Aruba business landscape for 20 years. He first examined the realities of therefinery at present, including the fact that Valero, though using the port of San Nicolas as a transshipment station, has terminated all contracts regarding the refinery. A settlement was reached in 2010 citing a handover of the refinery to the Aruban government three years from termination of operation, though whether this will be from March 2012,



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**Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino  
also contributed to 'Earth Hour'**



This is the second consecutive year that Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino contributes to 'Earth Hour' which is an worldwide event organized once a year by World Wide Fund of Nature (WWF). The goal of this event is to encourage households and businesses to take action on climate change and global movement by turning off lights for one hour. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino also joined in this event and contributed to the 'Earth Hour'

Last Saturday from 8:30 pm till 9:30 pm Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino turned off the lights of the parking lot in front of the government offices, all common light poles, parts of the Renaissance Marina Hotel façade, Renaissance Marketplace exterior lights, Renaissance Mall exterior lights, Seaport Casino exterior lights and signs and also the Crystal Casino tower. "Renaissance Aruba Resort constantly supports activities that create awareness on importance of protecting our environment.

This year our community has shown much more interest in the 'Earth Hour' and we are very happy to have been able to turn off the main lights of our resort and the area around our premises to contribute to this important cause," this according to marketing executives of the company; Zugheila Lindeborg, Edalitz Weller y Tirzane Williams.

Picture above gives an impression of the changes before and after the 'Earth Hour', a fascinating view to see an important landmark in Aruba contribute to such a noble cause. Around the world cities turned off their landmark lights, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino also contributed to this worldwide event 'Earth Hour.'

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## Police to conduct preventive body searches for drugs Today is last day to turn in unused 2013 number plates!

ORANJESTAD -- The Prosecutor's Office has recently issued a bulletin regarding the Government Decree on drugs, which is a new article (article 10:3). This bulletin states that in conjunction with the Minister of Justice and the Chief of Police, they can delineate a particular area in which preventive body searches for the possession of drugs may be conducted.

The law on firearms contains a similar article on the possession of firearms. In the past the Police have conducted body searches for firearms. The last such search took place during the weekend of the grand Carnival parade.

Along with preventive body searches for firearms, the Police are authorized to stop everyone and do a body search for the possession of drugs in the area designated by the Prosecutor.

On March 22, the government officials met to discuss this matter, and they decided that the following areas will be designated for conducting preventive body searches:

1. The area of the high rise hotels from MooMba Beach to the Westin Hotel (from the coast to Sasakiweg, including the shops and festive centers north of L.G. Smith Boulevard in front of the hotels)

2. The city center of Oranjestad up to Madiki (as of Wilhelmina Park to the cruise terminal and Madiki, including Hendrikstraat, Caya Betico Croes, Steenweg, Wilhelminastraat, Zoutmanstraat, Lagoenweg and Arendsstraat).

Characteristic of these two areas is the mayor disturbance in relation to drug dealings and the use of drugs.

The Police are authorized to do body searches in these areas for as long as 12 hours. These

two areas, City center of Oranjestad up to Madiki and the high-rise hotel area, will remain permanently designated for these preventive body searches. Citizens must bear in mind that the Police may conduct arbitrary searches in these areas for drugs or firearms.

The first Police action will take place on Sunday March 31st in the high-rise hotel area from MooMba Beach up to the Westin Hotel.

ORANJESTAD -- The government has issued a bulletin reminding all motorists that today, March 28th is the last day to turn in any unused number plates for 2013, for vehicle no longer in use.

In order to be free of having to pay taxes for one or more quarters for a vehicle not in use or for a vehicle that will not be in use for some time, the particular conditions are:

1. The client has submitted

the number plates to the Tax Department before the beginning of the quarter.

2. The number plates have remained at the Tax Department for more than one quarter during the year.

**Submitting number plates:**

The client may submit number plates either at the main office in Oranjestad or at one of the auxiliary government offices in the districts.

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### Today, March 28, is the last day to pay the first half year of motor vehicle tax

ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Tax Offices reminds all motorists that as of tomorrow, March 28, the first half year of the 2013 motor vehicle tax must be paid. This means that all those who only paid the first quarter of the 2013 motor vehicle tax must pay the second quarter no later than tomorrow, March 28.

Clients who haven't paid the first quarter of the motor vehicle tax as yet must bear in mind that they have to pay the first half year plus the number plates expenses.

The Aruba tax Offices management advises everyone who hasn't paid his 2013 motor vehicle tax as yet, to do this as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary overdue debts.

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## ATA's Caracas Office organizes successful promotion tour in Valencia

Recently, representative of Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) Mrs. Amayra Boekhoudt joined by representatives of ATA office in Venezuela, Caracas, Mrs. Miriam Dabian and Mrs. Johana Santiago travelled to Valencia on a promotional tour. The goal of this tour was to promote Aruba as a touristic destination but also to promote the mega event: The Soul Beach Festival, which will take place in the month of May. The warm welcome Aruba received at the different radio stations was tremendous. The representatives knew how to stir up a huge interest among the Venezuelans who now want to come to Aruba especially for the Soul Beach Festival. Even though the artists have a different kind of audience in Venezuela the event which will take place on the Beach will be

blessed by a 'full moon' that weekend, which makes it more attractive and unique for them.

After the successful radio station tour in Valencia, ATA Venezuela organized a reception. Guests - of which the majority were of the press - got the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas to expand the tourist market of Aruba and for the Soul Beach Music Festival.

### Soul Beach Music Festival

As it was announced previously, this year Soul Beach Music Festival will take place on May 22 -26 on Nikky Beach. The same concept of five days of activities to entertain the 'Soul Beach Followers' and our locals will be maintained.

The night of festivities will kick off on Wednesday, May 22nd with the opening of the Event, followed by Thursday

Night's Carubian Festival in San Nicolas. During the day there will be different beach parties at Moomba Beach and Baby Beach.

**Friday, May 24th** the Comedy Night will take place with famous 'All-Star Comedy headliner' Sinbad accompanied by his 'Funky Band' and Damon Williams on the stage to entertain all comedy lovers.

**Saturday, May 25th** the night opens with local band Claudius Phillips y Ore followed by Tamia. Climax of the night will be the presentation by the main artist, Grammy nominee D'Angelo who will be presenting his musical collection of dance-pop and R&B.

**Sunday, May 26th** local band Le Groove opens the night followed by Elle Varner to be topped off by winner of 3 Grammy Awards Motown



**Miriam Dabian (Director Latin America Tourism Office for Aruba) Amaira Boekhoudt (Trade Relations Liaison) and Johana Santiago (Marketing Manager Latin America Tourism Office)**

recording artist NE-YO. There are various hits of this artist being played on the local radio stations now, the most popular being 'Let Me love You.'

Both artists will be presen-

ting with their full bands to give everyone a tremendous show.

### Special priced tickets

This year Soul Beach Productions is giving the local market the opportunity to once again purchase their tickets at a special rate of Afls. 100 per night. So everyone is advised to get their tickets early as this special is for a limited time!

### Tickets are available at:

Dragon CD & Electronics - San Nicolas;  
Oficina di Fun Miles - Oranjestad;  
Insel Air- Oranjestad;  
Moomba Beach - Palm Beach;  
Sopranos Piano Bar - Palm Beach;  
Nikky Beach - Oranjestad;  
Valero: Boulevard, Essoville, Palm Beach, Ponton and Santa Cruz

For more information on ticket sales and the latest news concerning CLUB SOUL BEACH, visit: <http://www.soulbeach.net> or <http://www.aruba.com>.

**For information about the artists:** [www.soulbeach.net/2013/index.php/artistsfor](http://www.soulbeach.net/2013/index.php/artistsfor).

Follow them on twitter Twitter @SoulBeachMusic or become a fan of the 2013 Soul Beach Music Festival [www.Facebook.com/soulbeachmusic](http://www.Facebook.com/soulbeachmusic).

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The department will reserve the client's number for the current fiscal year. After the fiscal year, the client runs the risk of losing the number in the event there is no reaction from the client.

The dispensation for paying taxes on the number plates depends on how long the client has allowed the number to remain at the Tax Department. For example, if the number remained at the Department for one month during the quarter, because that was the length of time that the vehicle was out of function; and the client comes to claim his plates, he will be required to pay taxes for that quarter.

The dispensation is not based on how many months the plates remained unclaimed, but on the quarter of the year. And, the dispensation is not retroactive.

Any client who comes to claim number plates now will be required to pay for the quarter in view of the fact that the quarter has already begun.

Number plates submitted now may fall under the dispensation for the second quarter (April to June 2013). A client who comes to retrieve plates now, during the month of April, will be required to pay for the entire second quarter. Dispensation does not exclude the cost of the plates. There will always be the cost of Afls. 20 for the plates.

## Cabinet Hodge resigns, is officially a demissionary Government

WILLEMSTAD – Prime Minister Daniel Hodge yesterday announced that his Government has officially resigned. Now the Cabinet is a demissionary Government and the process of forming a new Government can start.

A new "formateur" will be appointed. This is done by the Governor under recommendation of Parliament. This "formateur" will then start the process of forming a political Government. The

"formateur" will also start the screening process of the candidate Ministers for the new Government.

The coalition partners are currently negotiating the formation of a new political government with the support of Pueblo Soberano, PAIS, PNP and Independent Member of Parliament Glenn Sulvaran.

The parties are currently trying to see who they want to appoint as Ministers in the

new Government.

Prime Minister Daniel Hodge declared recently that there is no contention between the Government of professionals and the members of the coalition. He also declared that his Government was appointed for a period of three to six months and that it is time for the politicians to appoint an "informateur" to start the process of forming a political cabinet.

## Amanda Knox to keep US book promotion schedule

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Amanda Knox will keep to a planned publicity schedule for releasing a book about her ordeal next month despite an Italian decision to quash her murder acquittal, her publisher said yesterday.

HarperCollins is due to release the US student's memoir "Waiting to be Heard" on April 30, when she will give her first interview to television network ABC's Diane Sawyer in the United States.

The 25-year-old described

as "painful" a court's ruling Tuesday that she will be retried in Italy for the grisly 2007 murder of her British housemate Meredith Kercher.

But her publisher said the ruling would not change her book release plans -- including the ABC appearance, the first major sit-down interview since she returned to Seattle.

By yesterday the book had risen to number 415 on online retailing giant Amazon.com's bestsellers list, based on pre-orders.

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## US top court signals it could nix gay marriage law

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Supreme Court signalled yesterday it could throw out a US law that defines marriage as strictly between a man and a woman, in a second day of hearings on the thorny issue of same-sex marriage.

For nearly two hours, the nine justices who make up the nation's highest court grilled lawyers on the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) -- with five of them appearing to lean in favor of striking it down.

The controversial 1996 law denies married gay and lesbian couples the same federal rights and benefits that heterosexual couples take for granted, from tax breaks and welfare benefits to access to a hospitalized spouse.

The plaintiff is Edith Windsor, 83, who was ordered to pay federal inheritance taxes of \$363,000 following the 2009

death of Thea Spyer, her partner of more than 40 years. The couple had married in Canada in 2007.

Under DOMA, the surviving half of a heterosexual couple would not have faced the same tax burden.

In an exchange with lawyers arguing the two sides of the case, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg suggested DOMA represented, in her view, two kinds of wedlock -- "full marriage and skim milk marriage."

Her colleague Elena Kagan went further, saying that DOMA was "infected by animus, fear and dislike."

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative whose swing vote on gay rights could decide the outcome, said he was "troubled" by how the DOMA case would impact the rights of each of the 50 states to set out their own marriage laws.

Outside the court, hundreds

of marriage equality supporters chanted "Edie! Edie!" as Windsor exited the stately building with her legal team and told assembled reporters: "I think it was great. I think it went beautifully."

President Barack Obama's administration initially opposed Windsor's bid to repeal DOMA as it progressed through the lower courts, where the law has already twice been ruled unconstitutional.

But the White House has since switched sides. Now it is calling for the law to be overturned, leaving DOMA to be defended by a group of Republican lawmakers, along with a coalition of religious and conservative groups.

Opponents of Windsor's stance include Republican lawmakers and Christian groups.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Cyprus imposes controls, withdrawals only 300 euros a day

NICOSIA (AFP) - Cyprus Finance Minister Michalis Sarris imposed temporary capital controls yesterday following the island's EU-IMF bailout, stipulating a maximum cash withdrawal of 300 euros a day.

The decree carried on state media also bans people from taking more than 1,000 euros (\$1,300) in cash out of the Mediterranean island, with customs officers authorised to check people, and prohibits the cashing of cheques.

The controls were imposed ahead of the reopening of Cyprus banks today. They have been closed since March 16 while the country negotiated a eurozone rescue package.

At least two shipping containers reportedly filled with cash were delivered to the central bank in Nicosia on Wednesday night, an AFP journalist said.

Sarris cited as the "lack of substantial liquidity and significant risk of deposits outflow, with possible outcome the collapse of the credit institutions" as the reasons for the restrictions.

He said in the decree this could cause "chain effects that could lead to systemic instability of the financial system and have destabilising consequences on the economy as a whole."

The controls also impose a limit of 5,000 euros a month in credit or debit card purchases while out of the country.

Non-cash payments or money transfers outside Cyprus are prohibited, with some narrowly defined exceptions such as paying by parents of tuition fees and accommodation for children studying in schools and universities abroad.

### US: N. Korea cutting of military hotline 'provocative'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - North Korea's severing of a military hotline with the South at a time of heightened tension was a provocative step, a US defense department spokesman said yesterday.

"This is yet another provocative and unconstructive step that the North Korean regime has taken," Pentagon spokesman George Little said. "It's very important for the regime to focus on what we think is the right course of action, and that is peace and stability on the Korean peninsula, and their provocations and bellicose rhetoric aren't helpful in the situation."

The decision to sever the last direct communication link with the South coincided with an announcement that the North's top leadership would meet in the next few days to discuss an "important issue" and make a "drastic turn."

The hotline move was relayed by a senior North Ko-

rean military official to his South Korean counterpart just before the link was severed.

"Under the situation where a war may break out any moment, there is no need to keep up North-South military communications," the official was quoted as saying by the official Korean Central News Agency.

Cutting the hotline was the latest in a series of threats and actions that have raised tensions on the Korean peninsula since the North's long-range rocket launch in December and its nuclear test last month.

Both events triggered UN sanctions that infuriated Pyongyang, which has spent the past month issuing increasingly bellicose statements about unleashing an "all-out war."

State Department acting deputy spokesman Patrick Ventrell said Washington remained in close contact with its allies in the region as the situation unfolds.

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## Health & Living

### Number of US cancer survivors is on the rise

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The number of Americans who have survived cancer is on the rise and is expected to reach 18 million people in the next decade, according to a report released Wednesday.

That would be a 30 percent increase over the latest figures in January 2012, which showed 13.7 million people in the United States had survived some form of cancer, according to the American Association for Cancer Research.

The forecasted increase is mainly due to the aging population, with two thirds of cancer survivors expected to be 65 or older by 2020, said the study.

The AACR's report shows that women with breast cancer account for 22 percent of survivors, while men with prostate cancer make up 20 percent.

However, those with lung cancer make up a slim three percent of all US survivors.

"For patients with prostate cancer, we have a nearly 100 percent five-year survival rate, and breast cancer has made tremendous strides as well, with five-year survival rising from 75 percent in 1975 to almost 89 percent in 2012," said Rowland.

A report by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released in January showed that fewer people were dying from cancer in the United States, continuing a trend that began in the early 1990s.

The CDC study found that from 2000 to 2009, cancer death rates decreased by 1.8 percent per year among men and by 1.4 percent per year among women.

Cancer kills more than 1,500 people a day in the United States -- a total of 301,820 men and 275,370 women in 2012, according to the latest estimates by the American Cancer Society.

About 1.6 million Americans are diagnosed with cancer every year.

## Sun Protection Tips



--Many people love the warm sun. But exposure to sun causes many of the wrinkles and age spots on our faces and is the number one cause of skin cancer.

Sunburn has been definitively linked to melanoma, a deadly type of skin cancer. Some re-

search shows that experiencing just one sunburn can more than double your risk of developing melanoma.

**Use sunscreen regularly** (applied 30 minutes before sun exposure)

\*A broad spectrum UVA/UVB sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 will provide adequate protection if you're spending minimal amounts of time in the sun, such as running errands or going to and from work, while an SPF of 45 is appropriate if spending more than 30 minutes outside.

\*A sunscreen with an SPF between 30 and 50 can be used for children. For infants, protective clothing and keeping them out of the sun are best, but it is still safe and necessary to apply sunscreen to exposed

skin, even for infants under 6 months old.

\*Look for products containing avobenzone, oxybenzone, titanium, or zinc oxide. Zinc and titanium based sunscreens tend to be better for those with sensitive skin.

\*For those with thin hair, applying sunscreen to part lines or exposed skin can help avoid uncomfortable burns on the scalp.

**Wear protective clothing**

\*Wear loose fitting clothing that is tightly woven to protect the arms and legs.

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\*Water, concrete, and sand all reflect the sun's harmful rays and exposure can be intensified by them. Take a break indoors or in a shaded area when outside for extended periods of time.

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## Sci-Tech

### 'Bazooka' attacks slowing Internet: security experts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Internet may have been slowed by one of the largest cyber attacks ever seen, which targeted a European group that patrols the Web for spam, security experts said Wednesday.

The attacks targeted Spamhaus, a Geneva-based volunteer group that publishes spam blacklists which are used by networks to filter out unwanted email, and led to cyberspace congestion which may have affected the overall Internet, according to Matthew Prince of the US security firm CloudFlare.

The attacks began last week, according to Spamhaus, after it placed on its blacklist the Dutch-based Web hosting site Cyberbunker, which claimed it was unfairly labeled as a haven for cybercrime and spam.

While the origin of the attacks has not been identified, some experts pointed the finger at Cyberbunker, possibly in coordination with Eastern European cyber-criminals.

CloudFlare, which was called for assistance by Spamhaus, said the attackers changed tactics after the first layer of protection was implemented last week.

Prince said the so-called denial of service attack, which essentially bombards sites with traffic in an effort to disrupt, was "one of the largest ever reported."

Over the last few days, he added, "we've seen congestion across several major Tier 1 (networks), primarily in Europe where most of the attacks were concentrated, that would have affected hundreds of mil-

lions of people even as they surfed sites unrelated to Spamhaus or CloudFlare."

Prince noted that these attacks used tactics different than the "botnets" -- these came from so-called "open resolvers" which "are typically running on big servers with fat pipes."

"They are like bazookas and the events of the last week have shown the damage they can cause," he said. "What's troubling is that, compared with what is possible, this attack may prove to be relatively modest."

A spokesman for the network security firm Akamai meanwhile told AFP that based on the published data, "the attack was likely the largest publicly acknowledged attack on record."

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## Facebook chief Zuckerberg tackling politics: report



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg is helping form a group to lobby for US political reform in areas such as education and immigration policy, according to US media reports spreading online.

The San Francisco Chronicle, Politico, and the Wall Street Journal were among outlets reporting that the 28-year-old co-founder of the world's leading social network was helping unite technology industry in a political action group.

The group, which had yet to be named, reportedly set a goal of raising about \$50 million, with significant contributions already provided by Zuckerberg and other technology industry executives.

Silicon Valley's long crusade to break open doors to America for foreigners with key technology skills hinges on a political battle in Washington over broader immigration reform.

For more than a decade, the tech sector has been struggling to get more visas and green cards for immigrants with engineering, math or science skills.

Now, analysts say Republicans and Democrats appear to be looking at a comprehensive measure that deals with high-skilled workers and the millions of undocumented aliens.

Improving the ranks of studying science, math and engineering in US schools along with the caliber of courses are also issues dear to Silicon Valley, along with policies that encourage research and development to foster innovations.

Zuckerberg has demonstrated a previous penchant for politics. In January, Facebook confirmed that Zuckerberg intended to host a fundraiser for New Jersey Governor Chris Christie early this year.

The event at Zuckerberg's home in the California city of Palo Alto was to support the re-election bid of high-profile Republican Christie, who is seen as a possible future contender for US president.

Zuckerberg's relationship with Christie dates back to 2010, when the native of New York State made a \$100 million grant to the troubled New Jersey public school system.

## From bedroom to boardroom: UK teen turns tech millionaire



LONDON (AFP) - Like many British teenagers, Nick D'Aloisio has a hole in the knee of his jeans and gets in trouble when his bedroom is untidy. Unlike most, the 17-year-old has just sold an app to Yahoo! for tens of millions of pounds.

The US tech giant announced on Monday that it is buying D'Aloisio's news-condensing mobile app Summly for an undisclosed figure reported to be around £20 million (\$30 million) -- making the London schoolboy one of the youngest self-made multimillionaires on the planet.

D'Aloisio dreamed up Summly while revising for a history exam when he was 15 -- but two years later he speaks of market share and intellectual property with the self-assurance of a CEO three times his age.

"Yahoo! is one of these classic, well-known Internet companies," he told AFP in an interview at the office of his London publicist, sprawled in a chair in maroon jeans and a t-shirt.

The tousle-haired teen hopes the Yahoo! deal will see the technology behind Summly -- whose financial backers have included US actor Ashton Kutcher and Japanese artist Yoko Ono -- reach an audience of "hundreds of millions of potential users".

D'Aloisio's journey to tech super-stardom began at the age of "nine or ten" when his parents, a lawyer and a banker, bought him his first laptop.

He taught himself how to video edit and before long moved on to programming -- spending school holidays building apps at his home in leafy Wimbledon, south London, as "a hobby".

He launched his first iPhone app, a "workout for fingers" called Finger Mill, when he was 12. Others followed, including music app SongStumblr and Facemood, which attempted to predict a user's

mood based on their Facebook status updates.

The big breakthrough came in 2011 when D'Aloisio launched Summly's forerunner Trimit, which cut down long web articles to tweet-length summaries.

The app received positive reviews from several tech blogs and quickly racked up tens of thousands of downloads.

Then, out of the blue, the teenager was contacted by representatives of Asia's richest man -- Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing.

"They cold-emailed me," said D'Aloisio.

Li was the first investor to contact him and, not knowing what to do, the teenager ignored the message.

Two days later he was "stunned" when Li's people approached him again, and this time D'Aloisio agreed to a phone call.

"They didn't know I was a 15-year-old, so I had to explain that," he said with a smile.

"It was frightening. It was a hobby, I didn't expect this to happen. But at the same time, I had nothing to lose -- I was a 15-year-old."

Li invested \$300,000 in Trimit. D'Aloisio used the cash to develop the algorithm the app used to identify the key topics in a news article, working with scientists at Stanford University among others.

Summly officially launched in November last year, on D'Aloisio's 17th birthday -- and the rest is history.

D'Aloisio will take up a job in Yahoo!'s London office in the next few weeks.

He insisted that he will continue to live at home, resisting temptation to splash out on a teen bachelor pad.

His parents are "very enthusiastic" about his success, he said -- but are keen to keep their son's feet on the ground.

"I still get in trouble if I don't have my room tidy," he said.



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## White House monitoring Guantanamo hunger strike

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House said Wednesday it was closely monitoring a growing hunger strike among inmates at Guantanamo Bay and reiterated President Barack Obama's vow to close the prison facility.

Officials also noted that the International Committee of the Red Cross was sending a delegation to check conditions at the US military prison, a visit brought forward by the hunger strike.

More than two dozen detainees have been refusing food to protest at their indefinite detention, amid what defense lawyers have described as mounting despair inside the prison.

"I can tell you that the White House and the president's team is closely monitoring the hunger strikers at Guantanamo Bay," said Josh Earnest, a

White House spokesman.

"The administration remains committed to closing the detention facility."

David Remes, an attorney for 15 Guantanamo detainees told AFP last week that the hunger strike in its seventh week was unprecedented in its scope, duration and determination.

As of Friday, 26 detainees were on hunger strike -- nearly double the number from a week earlier -- with feeding tubes administered to eight, according to military authorities at the US naval base.

The strike was launched at Camp 6 in Guantanamo on February 6, when a "routine" inmate search took place. Detainees said guards had inspected their Korans, which they perceived as "religious desecration."

Camp 6, built on the hills

around Guantanamo, houses inmates who pose no particular threat and have no special value in the eyes of US authorities.

Earnest referred to reports that a Red Cross team was heading to Guantanamo as part of a routine agreement to inspect conditions at the prison.

"We give them full access so that they can take a look at what's happening at the prison there," he said.

Obama promised to close the camp in one of the first acts of his presidency in 2009, but his efforts have been frustrated by opposition to moving inmates to the US mainland in Congress and the difficulty of finding nations willing to accept detainees who are freed.

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## Aruba Without the Refinery - "Our Destiny is in OUR Hands"

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However, at some date in 2015, Valero will no longer have any involvement with the refinery, unless an agreement is reached for their continued use of the port as a transshipment station, loading crude oil from small lake tankers coming from Maracaibo, into supertankers that cannot access Maracaibo directly.

Valero Oil Company still has a strong presence on Aruba, despite the closing of the refinery. They provide all the gasoline pumped at gas stations, no matter what name it is under. They also provide all of Aruba's fuel for the WEB power plant, and the jet fuel needed at the airport, supporting the island's principal economic pillar at this time: tourism.

Mr. Khan raised the question: when Valero does fully depart Aruba, will they do it in a financially sound, graceful ethical, and corporate socially responsible manner? He proposed they have generally shown to be concerned with those issues in the past, though the workers who lost their jobs in November of 2012, some having worked at the refinery for over 20 years, might beg to differ.

Mr. Khan noted that Valero tried for some years to sell the refinery, which would indicate a strong desire to leave Aruba, but other actions and investments, such as a proposed partnership with Aruba for an LNG terminal, would suggest differently. At this time, Valero's future involvement with the island of Aruba is a big question mark. "We must assume that all options are on the table."

Even if Valero sells the refinery, there is likelihood of it being divided into the refinery area, to be turned over to the government, and the terminal area, to be kept by Valero and turned over to the buyer. Mr. Khan feels that the refinery area should be scrapped and developed. Having studied the situation, it has been calculated that the money earned by finding a buyer for the scrapped materials would amply cover the cost of dismantling the refinery, with the strong possibility of even a surplus.

According to Mr. Khan, the Aruban Government, however, does not have the personnel to manage such a project, nor the funds to pay those who must be hired to do it, so the founding of what he termed the "ultimate PPP (Public/Private Partnership) take place, with islanders "taking our destiny into our hands."

His proposal: the founding of the San Nicolas Develop-

ment Authority N.V., or SNDA, as the developer and investor of a "structured, well designed and synergy based industrial and research center." Funds will be acquired by selling shares in the SDNA, for a projected 100 Aruban florins a share. "If we can sell ten billions shares, we will have the billion Aruban florins needed," he advised. The shares will have strict clauses about ownership, transferability, voting rights, and penalties for non-compliance. Share types would also vary to protect against hostile takeover and control by a small group or a collaboration of companies.

Shares would be sold with priority to Aruban citizens, pension funds, Aruban banks and Aruban companies. Projects they have already considered feasible for the refinery area is crude and clean storage, blending and transshipment, as exists today, a container harbor, ship bunkering and sophisticated repair services, dry dock services for larger vessels, a research center for green technology, and an industrial fishing center. This area would also be a major freezone, making Aruba the European/Latin American/Caribbean hub that is a principal ambition of the current government.

Reclaiming the land would take an estimated one year for 80% of the facility, and perhaps two years for the remaining 20%, which is the refinery proper. Certain areas which have absorbed toxic substances could be reclaimed by covering with geo textile and fresh sand.

In closing, Mr. Khan explained the key players in realizing such a plan would be Valero, Aruba's Government, legislators of the Parliament in passing the laws and approving the transfer, and the SNDA, as the developer/investor of the project. He, and the KvK, feel there would only be winners in such a an option, for the people of Aruba, Valero, and the gov-

PORT CAPABILITIES*				
	San Nicolas	Barcadera	5,000 TEU (+/-)	10,000 TEU (+/-)
Maximum draft allowed (m)	12.2	9.75	12.2	13.5
Maximum depth (m)	16.8	14.2		
Minimum depth (m)	13.0	10.97		
Ship length max (m)	274	230*	290	350
Ship beam max (m)	41.1	32.2*	32.2	43.0
Dredged area approx. (m2)	507,500	260,000		
Entrances	2	1		
Turning basin (m)	N/A	300		
Turning basin limitations	NO	YES		
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Comparison of Port capabilities between Barcadera and San Nicolas

ernment.

Following Mr. Khan, Daniel Brete explained his reason for urging the Aruban government to abandon their plan to move the container harbor from Oranjestad to Barcadera, and seriously consider San Nicolas Harbor instead. While planning his thesis for his Master's Degree from the University of Liverpool, Mr. Brete studied the issue as his subject.

The plan for Barcadera to become Aruba's new container harbor has been in place for years, even before this current administration came into office. This was formulated at a time when it was thought the refinery would continue to operate, with no end in sight. Now that it is abandoned, it is time for the island to seriously examine the port facility available behind the refinery walls. The expense that would be required to dredge and refit Barcadera that would enable it to handle the super-sized container ships that will dominate commercial shipping in the near future, has already been spent on the San Nicolas terminal, which can accommodate supertankers.

Valero is using a number of piers within the San Nicolas harbor at present, but an entire area on the west side of the port, which alone is more than double the size of Barcadera Harbor, is idle, and already available for receiving container ships. A comparison chart showed San Nicolas Harbor is, in every way, superior to Barcadera as a container harbor, with capabilities of receiving larger ships requiring greater drafts and wider beams. San Nicolas harbor has two entrances, like Oranjestad harbor, as opposed to Barcadera's single entrance, making it easier for ships to access the piers of either end.

Mr. Khan and Mr. Brete were only the first two speakers presenting exciting ideas for San Nicolas that would make intelligent use of the large area now occupied by the refinery, as well as stimulating the economy of the surrounding community. The proposals and presentations of the other three speakers, Patrick Newton of KPMG, Vernon Huerta of Ernst & Young and Michael van Romondt of Deloitte will be recounted in this continuing series.

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## Norway's first lesbian pastor throws in the towel

OSLO (AFP) - Norway's first woman pastor to enter into a same-sex civil union will quit her ministry to protest against the discrimination gays and lesbians face within the Lutheran Church, she said in an interview published Wednesday.

"It has become untenable for me to represent a Church where parts of it are still quite exclusionary," Hilde Raastad told the daily Aftenposten.

In 1997, she became the first woman pastor in Norway to tie the knot in a civil partnership with another woman.

Ten years later, the church officially authorised the ordination of gays, but gave bishops and clerical authorities in charge of recruitment the right to refuse a ministry to a person living in a same-sex civil union.

Raastad said she had been refused several positions even though she was sometimes the only candidate, and said she had sent a letter to Oslo Bishop Ole Christian

Kvarme asking him to annul her ordination.

"I consider homophobia a sin," she told Aftenposten.

"A local church can't pick people by the colour of their skin or their ethnicity. In the same way it can't exclude or judge people by their sexual orientation," she said.

"It has been a burden to feel the disapproval of my superiors, to see that they consider my love a theological problem and that I live a life that would lead to sin and perdition," she added.

Questioned by the paper, the bishop, a conservative who is known for his opposition to the employment of homosexuals in the Church, refused to comment on the contents of the letter which he said he had yet to read.

He said he would likely meet with Raastad in person to discuss her complaints.

Norway has allowed gays to marry in church since 2009. Church and state were officially separated last year.



BERLIN (AFP) - A property developer removed more of the Berlin Wall on Wednesday in a surprise dawn move amid a bitter running protest over the dismantling of the once-detested Cold War division. Some 250 police were dispatched to the site. Opponents have organised a rally for Thursday after several protests along the 1.3-kilometre (nearly one mile) stretch of Wall, known as the East Side Gallery, since the beginning of March when a first panel was taken away. Investment group Living Bauhaus, which is building a residential development behind the Wall, said Wednesday's removal was temporary to provide access to the construction site. Since 1990, the outdoor gallery has been covered in brightly coloured graffiti murals, including the famous "Fraternal Kiss" depicting Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and East Germany's Erich Honecker locked in an embrace. The 3.6-metre high stretch is a tourist magnet and a must-see for history buffs retracing the dark chapter of Berlin's 28-year-long division who are otherwise hard pressed to find remnants of the Wall to photograph.



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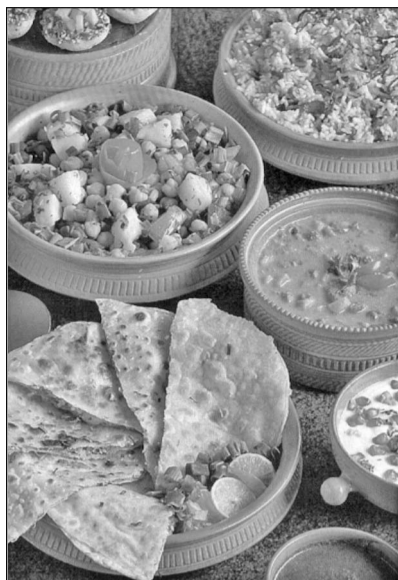
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## Sport

### Basketball: "Dunk City" living hoop dream in March Madness



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Florida Gulf Coast University's Eagles, the high-leaping speedy squad nicknamed "Dunk City", are the unlikely "Sweet 16" club in the history of the US national college basketball tournament.

But on Friday, the little school that was rejected when it sought a pre-season scrimmage against the University of Florida will finally take the court against the Gators to decide a quarter-final spot in "March Madness."

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's tournament sparks millions of people in the United States to create brackets predicting how every team will fare all the way through to the April 8 championship game.

With millions of dollars in television rights payments going to schools and sports fans across the nation transfixed to the games, the tournament shows off future NBA stars and gives unfancied sides a chance to face iconic ones.

That's where Florida Gulf Coast comes in. The Eagles were a 15th seed, next to the bottom of the draw, but they upset second seed Georgetown in their opener and knocked out San Diego State as well, becoming the first 15th seed to

reach the round of 16.

In doing so, the Fort Myers college in only its second year of tournament eligibility produced a TV-highlight slam dunk, a one-handed pass from Brett Comer to Chase Fieler, who leapt high, grabbed the ball in his right hand and in one motion jammed it into the hoop.

The roster includes three international players -- Swiss junior guard Christophe Varidel, German freshman guard Alexander Blessig and Croatian sophomore forward Filip Cvjeticanin.

LaSalle's Explorers, a 13th seed, will face ninth seed Wichita State, aptly named the Shockers, in a game between two other NCAA surprise packets as other games will be played this weekend in Indianapolis, Washington and Los Angeles.

But having Florida Gulf Coast hanging around this late would be like having an FA Cup in England where League Two sides like AFC Wimbledon or Accrington Stanley went deep into the last matches against the likes of Manchester United, Chelsea or Tottenham.

"Dunk City is coming," Eagles sophomore guard Bernard Thompson said. "So everybody be ready."

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### Tennis: Sharapova outlasts Errani to reach Miami semis



MIAMI (AFP) - Russian third seed Maria Sharapova advanced to the semi-finals of the WTA and ATP Miami Masters hardcourt tournament with a 7-5, 7-5 victory over Italian eighth seed Sara Errani on Wednesday.

Sharapova fired six aces but made 14 double faults before saving a break point in the 10th game of the second set.

She then broke Errani in the penultimate game and held

serve to end it on a forehand winner after just under 2 1/2 hours.

Errani connected on 84 percent of her first serves but won only 47 of those 87 points as Sharapova broke her three times in each set for the triumph.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Sharapova will play for a spot in the final against the winner of a match later Wednesday between Serbian

22nd seed Jelena Jankovic and Italian 15th seed Roberta Vinci.

Sharapova, coming off a title at Indian Wells, has never won the Miami crown in four trips to the final, losing to Kim Clijsters in 2005, Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2006, Victoria Azarenka in 2011 and Agnieszka Radwanska last year - all in straight sets.

If she does reach the final again she would face either a rematch with Radwanska, the fourth seed from Poland, or world No.1 Serena Williams, who seeks her sixth Miami title.

On the men's side, Spanish third seed David Ferrer and Austrian Jurgen Melzer were set to meet later in the first quarter-final with Frenchman Gilles Simon and Germany's Tommy Haas, who ousted world No.1 Novak Djokovic, playing at night.

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## Baseball: Red Sox star Ramirez loses on debut in Taiwan



KAOHSIUNG (AFP) - Former Boston Red Sox slugger Manny Ramirez left a capacity crowd of 20,000 fans disappointed on his debut in Taiwan on Wednesday as his team

were edged 9-8 in extra-innings.

Ramirez joined the newly founded baseball team EDA Rhinos earlier this month, becoming the best known former Major League Baseball (MLB) heavyweight to play in Taiwan's Chinese Professional Baseball League.

The Dominican-born player went two from six at the plate, hitting two singles which failed to have any significant impact on the game's conclusion.

With the loss, the Rhinos remained winless after the first two games of the spring season. Ramirez did not play in the team's first game held on Monday.

He hit a fly ball to center-field in the first inning of the game held in the southern city of Kaohsiung with the Elephants leading by four runs at the time.

In the second inning, the Rhinos scored five runs without the help of Ramirez even though he, as the designated hitter, singled. He singled again in the fourth and was struck out in the seventh.

The Elephants beat the Rhinos 9-8 in a game that lasted five hours.

When asked about his first game with the team at the end of the competition, Ramirez said: "I feel great, but they played better, they pitched better."

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## Brazil Olympics stadium shuts over roof problems

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil's preparations for the World Cup and Olympic Games have run into further trouble after the authorities indefinitely closed a Rio de Janeiro stadium because of roof problems, the city's mayor announced.

The Joao Havelange stadium, home to the Botafogo football club and due to host the track and field competition during the 2016 Games, will be shut down until the matter is resolved, mayor Eduardo Paes said.

"Today, we cannot say when it may reopen. We are going to look into what solution can be found," said Armando Queiroga, a top official of RIOURBE, the city's urban planning firm.

After being informed of the problems by the company working on the structure, Paes

said he asked if they represented a risk for fans.

"The answer was yes," Paes said in remarks quoted by the O Globo newspaper. "We cannot play around with an issue like this."

He said it was not necessary to destroy the entire stadium.

The stadium will not be used for the Confederations Cup in June or the 2014 World Cup. Still, Botafogo and other Rio clubs who currently use the venue have been informed of the situation and asked to look for alternative locations.

Word of the closure comes as Rio's iconic Maracana stadium, which hosted the final of the 1950 World Cup, is undergoing a makeover amid concern that reconstruction was falling behind schedule.

Earlier this month, FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke said "there is no plan B" in

case the Maracana or any of the other five venues for the Confederations Cup are not ready in time.

Known locally as "Engenhao" due to its location in the Engenho de Dentro neighborhood, the Joao Havelange stadium opened in 2007 for the PanAm Games and at the time was considered one of the most modern sporting venues in Latin America.

It has the capacity to hold 47,000 people, with authorities planning to increase that number for the Olympics.

The 2016 Summer Games will be held in Rio de Janeiro August 5-21, 2016.

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